

DWD offers teacher internship program

The Department of Workforce Development offered professional development opportunities for teachers through summer internships with local employers. 1,037 teachers from middle, high school and postsecondary institutions took advantage of this opportunity.

Participants are eligible for one or two week summer internships that relate to a career in their teaching area. Teachers develop a standards-based lesson plan or unit that includes real world applications. They receive a weekly stipend of \$750 and can receive three graduate level credits from Indiana University or CRUs.

Employment Trends

May Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May was 5 percent. This is three-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.3 percent.

3,021,100 million Hoosiers were employed during May.

Indiana's May unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 6.3 percent; Ohio, 5.4 percent; Illinois, 6 percent; and Kentucky at 5.2 percent.

April Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

Week of 5-1-04	57,614
Week of 5-8-04	54,599
Week of 5-15-04	55,526
Week of 5-22-04	54,496
Week of 5-29-04	54,878

Indiana@Work

Indiana@Work is helping companies and workers make the best possible choices and energizing Indiana's workforce.

Indiana@Work is based on a nationally recognized system called workKeys that teaches and assesses Workplace skills. WorkKeys was created by ACT, a non-profit education and career-planning group.



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Indiana businesses benefit from Indiana@Work

Indiana@Work continues its growth across the state as five businesses join the program. Available through the state's WorkOne Centers or Commerce regional offices, Indiana@Work is designed to develop an individual's skills required for specific careers. The program also expands existing job-matching and worker-assessment programs statewide, creates e-resumes built around Energize Indiana's four targeted industrial sectors of advanced manufacturing, information technology, life sciences and high-tech distribution.

Funding through Indiana@Work will allow Muncie's BorgWarner, Inc., Spiceland's Draper, Inc., and New Castle's Viking Industries to profile 12 job categories and assess the skills of 485 individuals. DWD has obligated \$34,476 to provide the services free of charge. An additional \$19,400 has been set aside to assist Posey County's All Tech Plastics and Perry County's Schwab Corp. in profiling seven job categories and assessing up to 250 individuals.

Job profiling, the employer segment of Indiana@Work, helps businesses identify the skills and skill levels needed for workers to be successful on the job. Professional job analysts work with experienced employees to define the duties of each occupation and together, they create specific job profiles.

Companies around the state receive Incumbent Worker Training Grants

DWD awarded Incumbent Worker Training grants totaling \$1.4 million to upgrade the skill of 842 employees at nine Indianapolis-based companies. Allegient, Allison, Eli Lilly, ESCO Communication, Fusion Technologies, General Motors, Roche, Rolls-Royce and Visteon will be providing more lifelong learning opportunities for their workers with these grants.

An additional 463 workers in Southeastern Indiana will upgrade their skills with grants totaling \$439,646. Floyd County's General Mill Corp received \$117,872 grant, Jeffboat LLC, located in Jeffersonville, was awarded \$275,473, and Tower Automotive in Corydon received \$40,213.

Union Hospital in Terre Haute was awarded a \$13,790 Incumbent Worker Training grant to upgrade the skills of four employees. The hospital is providing a \$192,693 match that will allow the employees to pursue degrees. After finishing their degrees, the employees are guaranteed a full-time position in their area of study.

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

Student at Porter County Career Center receives international recognition

Jared Glissman, senior and vocational computer assisted design student at Porter County Career Center was recently notified that he is the top Solidworks student in the United States. Jared was one of two honorable mention award winners in the world in the 2003-04 school year Solidworks Student Design Competition. He was also the highest ranking American student in the competition which is open to high school, college, and graduate students on an equal and competitive basis. The only students in the world to beat Jared were college students from Poland, Canada and Germany.

SolidWorks is the standard in 3D mechanical design software. Jared designed a model of a P51 Mustang radio controlled plane with an engine.